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Examiner NGUYEN:

Please find attached hereto an Amendment Response relating to:

Patent Application Serial No.: 09/823,874, filed March 31, 2001.

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Applicant(s): CAROLYN RAMSEY CATAN
Serial No.: 09/823,874
For: MACHINE READABLE LABEL READER SYSTEM FOR
ARTICLES WITH CHANGEABLE STATUS
Filed: March 31, 2001
Examiner: Nguyen, Kimberly D.
Group Art Unit: 2876

Attorney Docket No.: US 010157

Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL FORM

Dear Sir:

XX Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Response in the above-identified application, a copy of a Search Report w/associated letter, and a transmittal.

Petition for a one month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	17	Minus	20	0	0 X \$16.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	0 X \$84.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$270.00 =	\$
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES						\$0.00


The total fee for this amendment is calculated to be \$_____.

_____ A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

October 28, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003, please
amend the above-noted application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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